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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Status of Women and
4 Information Technology; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of
5 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain
6 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
7 Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - State Government
10 Section 9-801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Task Force on the Status
11 of Women and Information Technology"
12 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article - State Government**

5 SUBTITLE 8. TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION
6 TECHNOLOGY.

7 9-801.

8 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION
9 TECHNOLOGY.

10 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

11 (1) ONE MEMBER FROM THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY
12 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

13 (2) ONE MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
14 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

15 (3) TWO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND, ONE
16 TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE TO BE APPOINTED
17 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

18 (4) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
19 DEVELOPMENT, OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

20 (5) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION,
21 OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

22 (6) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
23 COMMISSION, OR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

24 (7) THE ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE DIVISION OF
25 CAREER TECHNOLOGY AND ADULT LEARNING, STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
26 OR THE ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

27 (8) THE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION
28 TECHNOLOGY, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

29 (9) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN,
30 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

31 (10) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

32 (I) ONE BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR WHO IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
33 OFFICER OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPANY;

1 (II) TWO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS,
2 AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM IS A WOMAN;

3 (III) ONE HUMAN RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MAJOR
4 CORPORATION WHO HIRES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKERS;

5 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY
6 THAT REPRESENTS TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION;

7 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
8 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM;

9 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A 4-YEAR EDUCATIONAL
10 INSTITUTION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM;

11 (VII) ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER; AND

12 (VIII) TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS MAJORING IN INFORMATION
13 TECHNOLOGY, PREFERABLY WOMEN.

14 (C) EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE
15 AUGUST 1, 2004.

16 (D) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE
17 SHALL BE MADE TO ENSURE REGIONAL, ECONOMIC, ETHNIC, AND GENDER
18 DIVERSITY ON THE TASK FORCE.

19 (E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

20 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS
21 MEMBERS.

22 (G) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE MAY:

23 (1) ESTABLISH COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE
24 DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; AND

25 (2) APPOINT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE
26 TO SERVE ON EACH COMMITTEE.

27 (H) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL
28 PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCE.

29 (I) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
30 SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
31 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN
32 THE STATE BUDGET.

33 (J) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

1 (1) STUDY THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE DECLINING INVOLVEMENT OF
2 GIRLS AND WOMEN IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY;

3 (2) STUDY THE IMPACT THIS DECLINE HAS ON THE OVERALL
4 TECHNOLOGY LITERACY OF MARYLAND'S WORKFORCE;

5 (3) STUDY THE IMPACT OF THIS DECLINE ON THE FUTURE OF THE
6 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE IN MARYLAND;

7 (4) CREATE AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ON THE ISSUE OF
8 WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINDINGS OF THIS TASK FORCE;

9 (5) IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, LAWS,
10 AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IDENTIFYING PRACTICES THAT BEST
11 ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

12 (6) INVESTIGATE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT
13 WILL BETTER MEET THE STATE'S WORKFORCE DEMANDS IN ALL CAREER AREAS
14 WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS USED;

15 (7) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN AND
16 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND STRATEGIES FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
17 AND PUBLIC PROMOTION OF THE PLAN; AND

18 (8) FACILITATE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE
19 AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF
20 THE PLAN.

21 (K) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PRESENT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS
22 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246
23 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE
24 OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June
27 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.